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1. During the period from 15 June to 7 July 1952, an air raid warning detail, known as the factory fire detail, was established in the building of the Postal and Telecommunication Ministry (MFT). The detail numbered 9 VP men, three of whom were permanently on duty. The caretaker of the MFT was made the air raid warden, who together with a group of 3 auxiliary workers of the MFT formed the permanent fire brigade. He continually gave instruction courses in which each section of the MFT had to participate about every four months. Fire fighting equipment and sand bags were stored in the cellar of the MFT building.

2. did not know whether special air defense measures were taken in radio transmitting or receiving or in other telecommunication offices. The regular fire precautions were apparently considered to be adequate for such offices. *

25X1 Comment. This is the first report on passive air defense measures in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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